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SUBJECT: SPAIN AGREES TO TELL BOLIVIA TO BACK OFF ITS  
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST U.S. MISSION

REF: CHACON-LLORENS EMAIL OF 11/16/07

Classified By: CHARGE D' AFFAIRES HUGO LLORENS, REASONS 1.4B AND D.

(C) On November 23 Charge d' Affaires raised with MFA  
Secretary of State for Iberoamerica Trinidad Jimenez and

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Director General for Iberoamerica Javier Sandomingo U.S.  
concerns about the behavior of the GOB towards Embassy La Paz  
(ref). Charge described Bolivian government "outrageous"  
charges that the U.S. Ambassador and Embassy staff were  
working with Colombian paramilitaries to destabilize the  
government. Jimenez agreed that the accusations were  
ridiculous and mentioned that the Government of Bolivia was  
well aware that they were untrue and was merely trying to use  
the accusations to stir up public opinion against the U.S.  
Jimenez was quick to say Spain could help. She promised that  
she would instruct the Spanish Ambassador in La Paz to reach  
out to Minister of the Presidency Quintana and urge the GOB  
to stop repeating these bizarre allegations. She noted Spain  
was trying in general to stop the Morales government -- which  
she said was inclined to look for foreign scapegoats -- from  
making these sorts of stupid mistakes.  
LLORENS